

Interscholastic Athletics at Garden Spot Middle School 2022-2023

Dear Parents of Current 6th Graders,

Along with the many changes your child will encounter next year as they make the transition to Middle School are interscholastic sports offerings. This letter will give a list of all sports offered at Garden Spot Middle School. Also included is a brief description of each fall sport and how to get more specific information.

An interscholastic sport is one that competes with other schools. Some of these sports require a try out because they have limited roster positions while other sports include everyone that signs up. Each sport practices every day, most of them from 2:45 pm - 5:30 pm and all require their players to attend all practices and games. Students participating in interscholastic athletics must also follow all Garden Spot Athletic Department policies and team rules including being in school by 8:00 am on days of practice and games, and not failing more than one class at any time during that sport season.

Garden Spot Middle School Sports:

Fall	Winter	Spring
Girls Field Hockey	Boys & Girls Basketball	Boys & Girls Track & Field
Girls Volleyball	Boys Wrestling	
Boys & Girls Cross Country	Winter Cheerleading	
Boys Football		
Boys Soccer		
Girls Soccer		
Fall Cheerleading		

Winter and Spring sports have sign ups and informational meetings during the school year. Students will know about these meetings through signs posted in the halls and announcements read each morning in homeroom.

All Fall sports start practice in August during what is called pre-season. In order to participate in these sports students must have a physical exam by their family doctor before they may start practice (dated after June 1, 2022 & valid for 2022-23 school year). All athletic department forms and pre-participation information can be found at www.elanco.org/athletics/forms. Athletic paperwork for fall sports is due via FamilyID by August 5, 2022.

All Garden Spot Activities require an activity fee. This is a one-time annual fee that is collected at the time of your first activity. This encompasses all athletics and extra-curricular clubs for the school year.

Most sports have some kind of open play during the summer to get you introduced to that sport and in shape before the season begins. More information can come by contacting the sports' coaching staff (information below).

FALL SPORT INFORMATION:

Girls Field Hockey

- *Youth Camp – May 31-June 3, 6:30-8PM in Stadium; Must Sign up
- * No try out, everyone is welcome. Open Play: Tuesdays 6:30-8 PM in Stadium starting June 14th
- * “Meet the Coaches” – Monday August 22th 5:30 pm Tower Road Field
- * Practice begins on Monday, August 22rd 3:00–5:30pm and will be held daily on the Field Hockey field
- * Equipment required: sneakers or soccer type spikes, field hockey stick, shin guards, goggles & mouth guard
- * E-mail for information or to be added to TeamApp to ensure you are getting all schedule updates to Coach Katy Eby – katyeby6@gmail.com

Girls Volleyball

- ** Everyone is welcome! Mandatory tryouts will be Monday August 22nd & Tuesday August 23rd in the main HS gym – Times TBD. Afternoon practices will start following tryouts, Wednesday August 24th.
- * Equipment required: Sneakers
- Optional equipment: Knee pads

*Fall Kick off Picnic will be held Saturday, August 27th at Overly's Grove 5:30-7:30 pm. Players and family welcomed!

*Please email to be added to the Team App for practice and open gym schedule, events, team and Booster Club information.

* E-mail Coach DiPiano for information – lbhorst12@gmail.com

Boys and Girls Cross Country

* No try out, everyone is welcome

* Summer workouts - TBA

* Practice starts Monday, August 15th at 3:00 pm at the softball field to the left of the tennis courts

* Equipment required: Running shoes and a water bottle.

* E-mail for information to Coach Tempone traci_tempone@elanco.org

* Information is dispersed through our remind – please email for information on joining.

Boys Football

* No try out, everyone is welcome

* Summer workouts are TBD. Please meet at the High School Fitness Center. Student-athletes going into 7th Grade and playing B-Team Football, or A-Team Football for the GSMAA Program are welcome.

* GSMS Football Practice starts Monday, August 22 at 3:00PM on the football practice field behind the stadium. Locker Room will be open at 2:35. These Practice are **MANDATORY**.

***GSMS Football VOLUNTARY Heat Acclimation Practices for the Week of August 15th - 8/15-8/18** will be from 3-5 PM on the Practice Field by the Water Tower behind the home bleachers. We will wear helmets, mouthpiece, cleats and assigned practice jerseys. Locker Room will open at 2:30.

* GSMS Football Equipment pick up is TBD (All Physical Papers and PIAA Paperwork must be completed and turned-in to get equipment.)

* Equipment required: football spikes (Cleats may be blue, black, gray or white), personal protective gear

*E-mail Coach Borremans brad_borremans@elanco.org for summer workout schedule and further information.

Boys Soccer

*Summer Open play is TBD and will be announced via Remind. Please sign up for alerts by texting @GSMSbsoc to 81010.

*Practice – first mandatory practice Monday August 22nd

*Equipment required: soccer spikes & shin guards

* For more information and team contacts, please email: Head MS Coach Ashley Zink at ashley_zink@elanco.org or Head Varsity Coach - Coach Herr ken_herr@elanco.org; Booster Club - gsboyssoccer@gmail.com

Girls Soccer

* No try out, everyone is welcome

* Summer Open Play: Thursdays from 6-8p in the stadium

* Practice starts Monday, August 22nd 2:45 – 5:00pm

* Equipment required: soccer spikes & shin guards

*All girls interested should email Coach Smith - fcorange09@gmail.com or Coach Hogan – jjhogan50@gmail.com

Fall Cheerleading

*No try out, everyone is welcome.

*Informal practices: TBA

*OFFICIAL Practice starts Monday, August 22: location TBA

*Equipment required: sneakers

*Additional costs: bow, t-shirt, leggings, white sneakers & bloomers (roughly \$35)

*E-mail for information to Coach Adams– kelly_adams@elanco.org

* Please provide your email to stay up-to-date on information and changes

If you have any other questions feel free to contact the athletic office at 354-1141.



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